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LISTS COMMODITY PRICES THROUGHOUT CHINA;  
GIVES WAGE-PRICE INDEX FOR NORTHEAST

Commodity prices for the areas and dates indicated were selected from the daily price lists appearing in the following newspapers:

|                                    | Unit  | Price in Yuan |
|------------------------------------|-------|---------------|
| SHANGHAI -- Ta Kung Pao, 27 Jul 50 |       |               |
| Rice                               | picul | 21,500-25,700 |
| Standard flour                     | sack  | 51,130        |
| Bean oil                           | catty | 4,600         |
| Peanut oil                         | catty | 5,500         |
| Salt                               | catty | 1,500         |
| Briquettes                         | catty | 165           |
| Coal                               | catty | 620           |
| Kerosene (2d grade)                | tin   | 3,000         |
| Muslin, 20 gauge                   | bolt  | 14,850        |

CANTON -- Nan-fang Jih-pao, 24 Jul 50

|                    |              |         |
|--------------------|--------------|---------|
| Standard rice (92) | market picul | 108,000 |
| Bleached muslin    | bolt         | 275,000 |
| Granulated sugar   | market catty | 9,000   |
| Salt               | market picul | 140,000 |
| Kailan soft coal   | ton          | 490,000 |
| Peanut oil         | market picul | 630,000 |

PEIPING -- Jen-min Jih-pao, 24 Jul 50

|              |               |         |
|--------------|---------------|---------|
| Flour        | sack (42 lbs) | 54,500  |
| Cotton cloth | bolt          | 244,000 |
| Salt         | catty         | 1,000   |
| Coal         | ton           | 126,000 |

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|            | Unit  | Price in Yuan |
|------------|-------|---------------|
| Rice       | catty | 1,450         |
| Corn       | catty | 760           |
| Millet     | catty | 1,040         |
| Briquettes | picul | 8,000         |

HANKOW -- Ch'ang-chiang Jih-pao, 23 Jul 50

(Average daily price for week ending 22 July)

|                     |       |         |
|---------------------|-------|---------|
| Rice                | picul | 3,571   |
| Standard (81) flour | sack  | 164,000 |
| Sugar               | picul | 923,333 |
| Sesame oil          | picul | 416,667 |
| Salt                | picul | 123,883 |
| Kailan coal         | ton   | 350,000 |
| Coal briquettes     | picul | 16,000  |
| Cloth               | bolt  | 262,500 |

NING-PO -- Ning-po Jih-pao, 24 Jul 50

|               |       |         |
|---------------|-------|---------|
| Rice          | picul | 198,000 |
| Flour         | sack  | 70,000  |
| Peanut oil    | catty | 6,200   |
| Salt          | catty | 1,300   |
| Cotton cloth  | felt  | 198,000 |
| Wood charcoal | catty | 500     |

TSINAN -- Ta-Chung Jih-pao, 24 Jul 50

|                     |             |       |
|---------------------|-------------|-------|
| Standard (81) flour | catty       | 1,222 |
| Millet              | catty       | 832   |
| Rice                | catty       | 936   |
| Cornmeal            | catty       | 910   |
| Bean oil            | catty       | 3,500 |
| Peanut oil          | catty       | 4,400 |
| Kerosene            | catty       | 3,700 |
| Salt                | catty       | 940   |
| Mine-run coal       | catty       | 94    |
| Potatoes            | catty       | 400   |
| Cotton cloth        | Chinese ft. | 2,300 |
| Local coarse cloth  | sq ft       | 560   |

TIENTSIN -- Tientsin Jih-pao, 25 Jul 50

|                 |       |         |
|-----------------|-------|---------|
| Flour           | sack  | 69,000  |
| Rice            | catty | 1,550   |
| Millet          | catty | 1,200   |
| Cornmeal        | catty | 1,050   |
| Peanut oil      | catty | 5,000   |
| Salt            | catty | 1,100   |
| Kerosene        | catty | 4,400   |
| Sugar           | catty | 8,800   |
| Kailan coal     | ton   | 245,000 |
| Mentoukou coal  | ton   | 170,000 |
| Coal briquettes | catty | 160     |

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|                                                 | <u>Unit</u>  | <u>Price in Yuan</u> |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| SIAN -- Peiping Jen-min Jih-pao, 24 Jul 50      |              |                      |
| Cloth                                           | bolt         | 258,000              |
| Flour                                           | sack         | 37,000               |
| Wheat                                           | catty        | 573                  |
| Salt                                            | catty        | 1,100                |
| Kerosene                                        | drum (t'ung) | 1,100,000            |
| Coal                                            | ton          | 180,000              |
| LANCHOW -- Jen-min Jih-pao, 24 Jul 50           |              |                      |
| Cloth                                           | bolt         | 284,000              |
| Flour                                           | sack         | 29,200               |
| Millet                                          | catty        | 460                  |
| Sugar                                           | catty        | 5,800                |
| Kerosene                                        | drum         | 750,000              |
| Coal                                            | ton          | 195,000              |
| CHUNGKING -- Peiping Jen-min Jih-pao, 24 Jul 50 |              |                      |
| Cotton cloth                                    | bolt         | 250,000              |
| Flour                                           | sack         | 53,000               |
| Rice                                            | catty        | 923                  |
| Salt                                            | catty        | 1,620                |
| Coal                                            | ton          | 220,000              |

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## WAGE-PRICE INDEX FOR MAY 1950 -- Mukden Tung-pei Jih-pao, 25 May 50

The Economic Planning Committee of the Northeast People's government has released the following wage-price index for May 1950:

PARITY UNITS

| <u>Location</u> | <u>Kaoliang</u><br>(catty) | <u>Millet</u><br>(catty) | <u>Corn</u><br>(catty) | <u>Coal</u><br>(catty) | <u>Bean Oil</u><br>(catty) | <u>Salt</u><br>(catty) | 16-Gauge<br>"Wage Cloth"<br>(Chinese<br>sq ft) | Parity<br>Equivalent<br>(yuan) |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Shan-hai-kuan   | 8,800                      | 9,300                    | 11,000                 | 400                    | 36,000                     | 9,500                  | 8,796                                          | 21,500                         |
| Chin-chou       | 5,200                      | 5,200                    | 4,400                  | 405                    | 25,000                     | 8,000                  | 8,906                                          | 13,300                         |
| Ying-k'ou       | 4,700                      | 5,500                    | 4,300                  | 400                    | 25,000                     | 7,500                  | 8,906                                          | 13,100                         |
| An-tung         | 4,600                      | 5,500                    | 4,000                  | 350                    | 24,000                     | 7,500                  | 8,906                                          | 12,500                         |
| T'ung-hua       | 4,400                      | 5,500                    | 3,800                  | 360                    | 24,000                     | 8,100                  | 8,979                                          | 12,400                         |
| Fu-shun         | 4,800                      | 5,300                    | 4,000                  | 420                    | 25,000                     | 8,000                  | 8,979                                          | 13,000                         |
| Pen-ch'i        | 4,800                      | 5,300                    | 4,200                  | 370                    | 25,000                     | 7,700                  | 8,979                                          | 12,800                         |
| An-shan         | 5,000                      | 5,300                    | 4,000                  | 430                    | 25,000                     | 8,000                  | 8,979                                          | 13,200                         |
| Liao-yang       | 4,800                      | 5,000                    | 4,000                  | 425                    | 25,000                     | 7,700                  | 8,979                                          | 12,900                         |
| Mukden          | 5,000                      | 5,000                    | 4,200                  | 450                    | 25,000                     | 7,800                  | 8,979                                          | 13,200                         |
| Fou-hsin        | 5,200                      | 5,500                    | 4,200                  | 400                    | 25,000                     | 8,100                  | 8,979                                          | 13,300                         |
| Ssu-p'ing       | 4,500                      | 4,800                    | 4,000                  | 430                    | 24,000                     | 8,000                  | 9,053                                          | 12,600                         |
| Sian            | 4,600                      | 4,800                    | 3,900                  | 410                    | 23,000                     | 8,000                  | 9,053                                          | 12,100                         |
| Th'ang-ch'un    | 4,500                      | 4,800                    | 3,900                  | 370                    | 23,000                     | 8,100                  | 9,053                                          | 12,200                         |
| Kirin           | 4,200                      | 4,700                    | 3,800                  | 360                    | 23,000                     | 8,200                  | 9,053                                          | 11,900                         |
| Harbin          | 4,600                      | 5,000                    | 3,800                  | 370                    | 22,000                     | 8,200                  | 9,090                                          | 12,300                         |
| Mu-tan-chiang   | 4,600                      | 5,300                    | 3,800                  | 370                    | 23,000                     | 8,300                  | 9,126                                          | 12,500                         |
| Tsitsihar       | 4,600                      | 4,800                    | 3,700                  | 370                    | 22,000                     | 8,400                  | 9,163                                          | 12,100                         |
| Chia-mu-ssu     | 4,600                      | 5,000                    | 3,800                  | 395                    | 23,000                     | 8,400                  | 9,126                                          | 12,500                         |
| Hsing-shan      | 4,600                      | 5,300                    | 3,900                  | 395                    | 24,000                     | 8,400                  | 9,126                                          | 12,700                         |
| Pei-an          | 4,500                      | 4,100                    | 3,200                  | 370                    | 23,000                     | 8,700                  | 9,163                                          | 11,500                         |
| Pei-p'iao       | 5,500                      | 5,800                    | 6,000                  | 450                    | 26,000                     | 8,500                  | 9,580                                          | 15,100                         |
| Ch'eng-te       | 9,000                      | 9,500                    | 11,000                 | 1,700                  | 34,000                     | 10,000                 | 10,000                                         | 29,000                         |
| Ch'ih-feng      | 8,500                      | 8,500                    | 8,500                  | 650                    | 33,000                     | 7,500                  | 10,213                                         | 21,000                         |
| Wa-fang-tien    | 5,000                      | 6,000                    | 4,500                  | 370                    | 25,000                     | 7,300                  | 8,979                                          | 13,500                         |

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